

SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR National History Day Interview

1. When you began looking for a topic, how did you define what a Turning Point was, and how did you use that to find a topic?
2. How does your project connect to this year's theme?
3. Can you explain how you used historical thinking to research and build your project?
4. Please briefly explain the design choices for your exhibit/documentary or website.
5. Which research sources did you find the most valuable and why?
6. How did you locate primary sources?
7. Did using primary sources help you learn anything that you didn't know before?
8. What was a helpful primary source? Why?
9. How did your thesis change from when you started your project to now?
10. Why is it important for us to learn about this topic in history?
11. What was your biggest challenge in completing the NHD project?
12. What was your favorite part about completing your NHD project?
13. If you were to move on to the next level of the NHD competition, what is one thing you would change or improve on your project?
14. What were the multiple perspectives you identified as you researched? How did these perspectives influence your project?
15. Looking back, what would you tell yourself if you could give yourself a piece of advice when you were beginning the NHD process?
16. If you had to give a piece of advice to a student who has never done NHD before, what would your advice be?
17. Is there anything else you wanted to discuss that we haven't asked you yet?

18. Is there anything you would like to ask us?